

# Cassette Recorder Compresses or Expands Speech Auditing Time



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A computer built into the unit compresses or expands playing time through electronic signal processing. A full hour's recording may be audited in 24 minutes or a garbled, excessively rapid speech can be slowed down for detailed analysis. Among its other uses, the manufacturers suggest the monitoring of pre-recorded tapes, dictation and transcription, and individualized learning. They say that the machine is lightweight, easily portable and simple to operate.

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## New Developments In Pharmaceuticals

ICN Canada is now marketing three drugs already familiar to the Canadian medical and pharmaceutical professions:

**METAMINE** — (tolnitate phosphate) is a coronary vasodilator available in two strengths and colors: Metamine (a 2 mg yellow tablet) and Metamine SA (a 10 mg buff-colored tablet in a sustained release matrix). Both are available in bottles of 50 and 500 tablets.

**METASPAS** — (dihexyveridine hydrochloride) is an antispasmodic used in

the treatment of dysmenorrhea and during the labor period in obstetrics. Single dosage is 10 mg in a white uncoated tablet or a 2 ml ampule. Metaspas tablets come in bottles of 50 and 500, the ampules in boxes of 25. **METANIUM POWDER/OINTMENT** — (titanium compound) is used as a topical application for the treatment of inflammatory and pruritic skin conditions, including diaper rash. The powder form is available in 35.4 gm bottles; the ointment in 45 gm plastic jars.

For further information: ICN Canada Ltd., 675 Montée de Liesse, Montréal 377, Qué.

**TEGRETOL** — (carbamazepine) is a product which has been available in Canada since 1969 for relief of pain due to trigeminal neuralgia. The drug recently received Health Protection Branch approval for use in the treatment of certain forms of epilepsy. Its manufacturers say that this anticonvulsant exhibits a psychotropic action described as a 'lightening of mood, regression of irritability and stabilization of disturbed behavior'.

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